ABSOLUTE RATING: Good **IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 31. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent. (Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

2001 Good Excellent

2002 2003

2004

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM Schools With

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	Our School			Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	63.6	63.3	72.6	66.7	71.4	74.1
Passed 2 subtests	19.1	18.8	11.8	17.9	15.5	14.8
Passed 1 subtest	11.0	12.4	9.3	9.9	8.5	7.2
Passed no subtests	6.2	5.5	6.3	5.4	4.6	3.9

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	23.4%	22.6%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	23.4%	23.9%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	37.5%	54.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

	PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS						
	Seniors						
		Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation			
9	Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate			
9	All students	94.8%	23.4%	N/A until 2003			
1	Students with disabilities other than speech	62.5%	0.0%				
	Students without disabilities	96.1%	24.9%				
	Gender						
	Male	90.8%	24.2%				
	Female	98.0%	22.8%				
þ	Ethnic Group						
Ü	African American	92.6%	0.0%				
	Hispanic	66.7%	0.0%				
	White	95.5%	29.6%				
	Other	100.0%	0.0%				
	Lunch Status						
	Free/reduced-price lunch	94.4%	0.0%				
	Pay for lunch .	95.7%	26.0%				
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STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES				
71.9%				
100.0%				
53.4%				

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	our ouriour	Eust Tour	Like Guis	Concor
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,793	N/A	\$5,601	\$5,668
 Prime instructional time 	89.4%	Down from 91.5%	6 90.5%	90.1%
 Student-teacher ratio 	14.5 to 1	N/A	27.2 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,080)				
 Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Progra 	58.1%	N/A	51.0%	40.0%
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	94.6%	Up from 93.8%	95.4%	95.3%
Retention rate	10.5%	Up from 8.7%	8.8%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=58)				
 Professional Developmen days per teacher 	t 7.3 Days	Up from 5.6	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 98.0%	6 95.9%	95.7%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	55.2%	Up from 54.2%	54.0%	49.4%
Continuing contract teachers	89.7%	Up from 83.3%	83.6%	81.0%
Teachers with out-of-field permits	3.4%	Up from 3.3%	2.0%	3.0%
Teachers returning from the previous school year	90.4%	Down from 90.9%	% 86.2%	85.2%
Average teacher salary	\$38,278	Up 7.2%	\$38,874	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

O 6	\	Change From	Schools with Students	Median High
	School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
Dropout rate	3.7%	Down from 5.1%	2.7%	2.9%
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	49.3%	N/A	56.6%	56.4%
 Principal's years at the school 	7.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
 Percent of parents attending conferences 	68.0%	N/A	55.2%	60.1%
 Opportunities in the arts 	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
 Older than usual for grade 	10.2%	Down from 12.0%	8.9%	10.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	39	N/A	24	29
Gifted and talented	3.9%	Down from 5.5%	9.9%	7.4%
With disabilities other than speech	10.5%	Up from 9.5%	10.5%	10.7%
 Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations 	0.0%	N/A	1.4%	4.5%
 Enrollment in career and technology center courses 	577	N/A	408	350
 Career students participating in work-based experiences 	3.1%	N/A	24.8%	23.1%

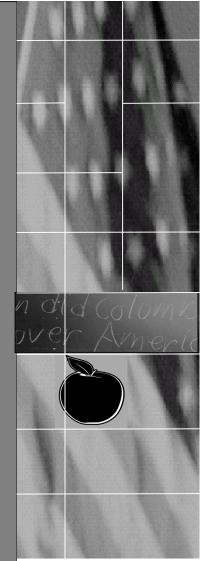
PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL REPORT

Greer High School's demographics represent great diversity among its > 1000-student population. For most of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, the Greer community was principally engaged in agriculture and textiles as its primary economic enterprises. In the last thirty years, the economy of our region has shifted dramatically. Gone are the smokestack industries and agriculture that relied on low to moderate skills and little or no education. It has been replaced by high tech businesses and industries that require advanced skills and education.

Our challenges have focused on taking our students where they are when they report to us in grade 9 and on accelerating those who have significant skill and educational deficits. Historically, more than 40% of our entering freshman are basic to below basic in reading, writing, and mathematics. Many of these students are over-aged, have repeated two or more grades since entering school, and have experienced limited success in school to this point. Greer High operates on the 4 x 4-block schedule and utilizes this schedule to provide acceleration and success opportunities by granting extended learning time. Identified students are provided yearlong instruction in reading, writing, and mathematics - 180 days at 90 minutes per day. Our efforts have resulted in significant academic gains. On the Exit Exam for those students taking it for the first time, a 10-point gain in those meeting standard has occurred over the last two years. Our AP enrollment has experience a + 54% increase. SAT scores, which have traditionally been static and flat, are now beginning to rise. Some 62% of our students have taken an administration of the SAT one or more times. The Life Scholarship Program has prompted students to take more challenging, rigorous coursework. This year's graduating class of 192 has earned more than \$1.2 million dollars of scholarships.

The overall academic direction of our school is positive and our expectations are that it will only get better over time. We will continue to be challenged in educating all students to high standards. However, I am confident that the leadership of this school and of this community will respond positively to the challenge of educating every student to the highest limits of his ability.



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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,080 Students

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Annual School Report Card

2001

School Grade: Excellent

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	87.9	83.4	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	96.6	93.7	
Satisfied with home-school relations	77.6	92.9	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

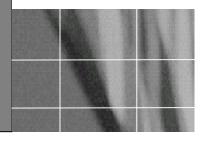
Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.



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South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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